

World AIDS Day

December 1, 2004

Theme of World AIDS Day 2004:



HIV and AIDS have for a long time been seen as a problem that affects men, specifically men who have sex with men and as a result of this preconception, the harm that it does to women around the world is largely overlooked. In 1997, women represented only 41% of the people living with HIV. Nowadays that figure has risen, and women represent almost 50% of the [global infection totals](#). This year, [World AIDS Day](#) focuses on women, and AVERT.org has a [Women & AIDS quiz](#) to test your knowledge.

- ♦ Over one million women died as a result of HIV infection last year.
- ♦ The numbers of children infected continues to expand.
- ♦ In some areas, girls are the fastest growing group of people newly infected. Women account for over 50% of global infections.
- ♦ There are at least 17.6 million women around the world living with HIV/AIDS.

December 1 is a day to celebrate the progress made in the battle against the HIV/AIDS epidemic, a day to show support and concern for those suffering from HIV/AIDS and an opportunity to promote awareness and garner support for research, treatment, prevention and the quest for a cure.



You can help support World AIDS Day by raising awareness of HIV and AIDS in your area. It is as easy as wearing a Red Ribbon, a global symbol of AIDS awareness. Encourage your co-workers, family and friends to unite in the fight by wearing and handing out ribbons.

On World Aids day, December 1, 2004, the Erie County Department of Health will be handing out red ribbons and information on HIV and AIDS in the Lobby of the Rath Building, 95 Franklin Street from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Knowledge is the key to prevention.



The red ribbon is a global symbol of AIDS awareness. Increasingly, people all over the world, are wearing a red ribbons to show their concern and support for those suffering from AIDS. The red ribbon also shows support for research, treatment, and prevention efforts designed to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS.

To learn more about HIV/AIDS and what you can do to raise awareness and help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and for other local World AIDS Day events and resources, click on the links below:

[AIDS Network of Western New York](#)
[AIDS Alliance of Western New York Programs and Services](#)
[Western New York AIDS Statistics 2004](#)
[AIDS Network Service Providers](#)
[HIV/AIDS Stats in the USA and the World](#)
[AIDS.ORG](#)
[AVERT.org](#)
[National Minority AIDS Council](#)
[Act Up New York AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power](#)

[Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research](#)
[National AIDS Fund](#)
[AIDS Alliance](#)
[National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project](#)
[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan](#)
[National Prevention Information Network](#)
[Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS](#)

